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Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: Community Colleges (Minority Vice Chair); History, Arts, and Libraries (Minority Vice Chair); Capital Outlay; Federal Stimulus Oversight; K-12, School Aid, Education); Energy Policy and Public Utilities

Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born in rural Georgia; attended Detroit Public Schools; B.A. and M.A., communications, Wayne State University; married to Rev. Ron D. Coleman, Sr.; two children, two grandchildren; member and former vice president of the board of directors of God Land Unity Church where her husband is pastor; began career (1967-1998) in Wayne County government as an entry-level stenographer and advanced to become director of Human Relations, having also served as assistant director of Public Information for the Road Commission, media relations manager for former Wayne County Executive William Lucas, and press secretary to County Executive Edward H. McNamara; appointed to Detroit Board of Education in 1991, she served as vice president, then president (1996-1998); life member, NAACP; former member, Travelers Aid Society Board of Directors; former co-chair, Detroit Goodfellows Drive, United Way Community Services Drive (1997-1998); charter member, Civic Center Optimist Club; member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Detroit Works Partnership Advisory Board, National Association of Black County Officials, National Alliance of Black School Educators; board of directors, Michigan

Association of School Boards, Schools of the 21st Century, Mackenzie High School's "Aspires" Program; Adelita (Sister) Award, Mana de Michigan; Spirit of Detroit Award, City of Detroit; Distinguished Service Award, Wayne County Clerk; State of Michigan Executive Declaration Award; 1997 Headliner Award, Women of Wayne State University Alumni Association; 2002 BILLD Fellow; 2004 Liberty Bell Award from Dearborn and Downriver Bar Association; Toll Fellowship, Class of 2004; 2005 Jean Brazell Community Role Model Award; 2005 Legislator of the Year Award, Michigan Association of School Social Workers; appointed by Governor Granholm to National Education Commission of the States and the Cherry Commission on Higher Education; Michigan Democratic Party and 14th Congressional District Precinct Delegate; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate, 2002, 2006.

